(a) whether Government are aware that every year many persons die in various parts of the country due to poor health care services;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government propse to include 'Health' in the Concurrent List to supervise health services in various States;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) Despite improvements in the health sector over the decade, deaths still occur from disease like TB, Malaria, and HIV/AIDS, Cancer, Cardio Vascular disease etc. The Government is implementing six National Disease Control Programmes namely National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme, Tuberculosis, Leprosy, AIDS, Cancer and Mental Health which have contributed to improvement of situation.

(c) and (d) There is no such proposal.

(e) The Government provides substantial funds for the public health systems and supervise the health services available across States. The continuance of health as a State subject allows the States to take the leadership role, which is required for a good functional health system.

Parameters of healthcare

1910. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) The various indices/parameters of healthcare in different sectors/ spheres in the country;

(b) in the light of the above statistics, what is the quality of healthcare in country;

(c) how does the above compare with our neighbouring and advanced countries;

(d) the steps Government contemplate to take to improve and to streamline the healthcare in the country;

(e) what per cent of budget is being spent on healthcare in the country;

(f) whether Government have any plan to launch Sarva Swasthya Abhiyan to make healthcare accessible to all; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) The comparative figures of the health indices of India and some of the neighbouring countries are enclosed as Statement (*See* below). The quality of healthcare varies across different regions of the country

(d) Government has launched National Rural Health Mission in the entire country with special focus on 18 States, to provide quality healthcare to rural population especially the disadvantaged sections. In this Mission, following steps will be taken for improving and streamlining the healthcare in the country:-

- Involvement and leadership of PRIs for the Health Sector.
- Creation of a cadre of Accredited Social Health Activists (Asha) in 2.5 lakh villages in four years in a phased manner.
- Creation of village health team and preparation of village health plan.
- Strengthening of Programme Management Capacities at National, State and District level.
- Institutionalizing district level management of health.
- Supply of additional generic drugs (both Allopathic and Ayush) to SC/PHC/CHC.
- Piloting multiple health insurance models.
- Promotion of private sector for achieving public health goals.
- Strengthening Immunization.
- Implementation of Janani Suraksha Yojana (JSY) for improving level of institutional delivery.

(e) For the year 2005-06, the allocation for Health And Family Welfare is 2.1% of total budget of the Government.

(f) NRHM has already been launched this year for providing quality healthcare to rural population especially the disadvantaged sections.

(g) Does not arise.

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Sl. No.	Indicator	India	China	Pakistan	Bangladesh	USA	Sri Lanka	Thailand
1.	Infant Mortality Rate 1000 live-births	68	< 30	86	66	2	8	15
2.	Under-5 mortality/1000 live births	87	37	103	69	8	15	26
3.	Fully Immunized (%)	67	84	61	77	93	99	94
4.	Births by skilled attendants (%)	43	97	20	14	99	97	99

Source: WHR, 2005

Microsystem acupuncture for treatment for loss of vision

1911. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an alternative treatment for loss of vision has been developed through microsystem acupuncture;

(b) if so, the details thereof?

(c) whether the new treatment has been used on an extensive scale in Government and Government recognized hospitals and if so, the results thereof, and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (d) As per the information available, Micro acupuncture is reported to be used in some western countries for treatment of macular degeneration, a visual disorder